

FRIENDS OF THE ORANGEVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY

MEETING MINUTES, Tuesday September 6, 2022

Welcome from Jane to all returning members and new members Anita Rowland and Jennifer French.

Present: Present: Jane Lightle, Linda Banks, Bernice Beck, Sonia Close, Del Foxton, Lorna Herrington, Kathy Lamoureux, Dianne Large, Judy Proctor (Minutes), Kathryn Creelman

Regrets from Donna Norgaard, Ann Johnson, Julie Daley and Elaine Furger

Agenda and Minutes from April 5th meeting were adopted by Kathy Lamoureux, and Dianne Large seconded.

Treasurer's Report from Linda Banks: \$1,459.50 was raised from the Sprint Plant and Book Sale, Balance at present is \$5,030.38.

Donation of \$500.00 for Battle of the Books held in the Spring was approved at previous meeting. A cheque will be sent at this time. Thanks to Dianne for attending the Celebration lunch at Spencer Public School. Kathryn reported that it is hopeful that next year's Battle is back to "in person" and how much more difficult it was having it online.

The Harvest Bake and Book Sale is tentatively booked for Saturday, October 29, 2022. Unfortunately, this will have to be deferred until Spring of 2023 as there is a new elevator to be installed at the Mill St. location. The timeline is unknown at this time and construction will greatly impact available space. There will be a period of library closure, with expanded Alder Library hours.

Membership fees of \$5.00 are to be paid to Dianne.

Home deliveries continue and volunteers are needed. New clients are welcome.

Kathryn Creelman's Notes -

Open House – Saturday, October 1, 1 to 4 p.m.

Launch of Strategic Plan and rebranding with a new logo.

Looking for volunteers – food handlers, greeters, Friends to promote Friends of the Library - Kathryn will send a follow-up email

Discussion about the number of book bags available with the old logo. It was suggested that the bags be put on display and the price be reduced to \$5.00. Maybe donate any bags that are left to next year's Battle of the Books as gifts for the readers.

Board will be at Council on September 26. Friends are welcome.

Save the Date – Board / Friends / Staff Social – Friday, November 4 -location to be determined.

New puzzle Lending program has been a success

Great community support for the Poppy Project. Collecting poppies until the end of October and they will be added to the clock tower in time for Remembrance Day.

Programs

Three Book Clubs

1. 100% Certainty Book Club in partnership with Hospice Dufferin - facilitated by Stephanie Newall
2. Check-It Out Book Club - facilitated by Tina Andrews
3. Queer Village Book Club - facilitated by Kimberly Carter

Children's Storytimes begin the week of September 19.

Science Literacy Week - September 19-23 - Five virtual workshops with the University of Waterloo ESQ Team for children in grades 1 through 9

Makerspace

Planning continues for a new makerspace at the Alder Street location. The library has begun purchasing equipment for a creation lab, media lab and children's programs. Over the summer, shelving and the collection was moved to create new children's and teen areas.

In a recent survey, the community gave overwhelming support for the Mill St. Library.

There is a bulletin board near the stairs to the basement with FOPL news.

We have to find a balance of accepting old books, some of which are too old or not acceptable for re-sale as storage space is limited. There is a partnership with the Orangeville Food Bank to donate better quality books to them for distribution.

Next meeting: Tuesday, November 8th, 2022 at 10:15 a.m.

February 7th, 2023 and February 11th are tentative dates for the next Bake and Book Sale